

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking – Horseback Riding – Hunting – Outdoor Photography

Conservation Areas are closed from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.

- No littering. Individuals are responsible for removal of their trash, refuse or rubbish from the area. No trash barrels are provided.
- No fireworks.
- No unattended open fires.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting. Hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to graveled roadways and parking areas.
- Camping is permitted only in designated areas and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 campers or more must obtain a special-use permit.
- Bicycles, horses and horseback riding are permitted only on trails designated for their use and on roads and trails open to vehicular traffic, unless otherwise posted.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating:

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- On Mussel Fork Creek, largemouth bass less than 12 inches in total length and on area ponds all bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Total length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail with the fish laid flat on the rule and the mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together.
- On area ponds, only poles or rods with attached lines may be used and not more than three poles or rods may be used by one person.
- Area pond daily creel limits are 6 black bass, 4 catfish, and 30 crappie. All other fish fall under statewide limits but not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- Mussel Fork Creek daily creel limits are 6 black bass, 10 channel catfish, 5 flathead catfish, 5 blue catfish, and 30 crappie. See the Wildlife Code for a complete listing of other species and limits.

- Regardless of where taken, no fish less than the specified minimum length limit shall be possessed on the waters to which length limits apply.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, or pole and line, only on waters and within dates and hours those waters are open to fishing. Firearms may not be used to take bullfrogs and green frogs.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all lakes and ponds.
- Salvage seining of other fish as designated in 3 CSR 10-6.550 may be permitted seasonally for personal use with a special use permit.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.
- Electric motors only are allowed on area ponds. No motor restrictions apply on Mussel Fork Creek.

Hunting and Trapping:

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner and be removed from the area before Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.

For local information, contact:

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Meadville, MO 64659
660/938-4124
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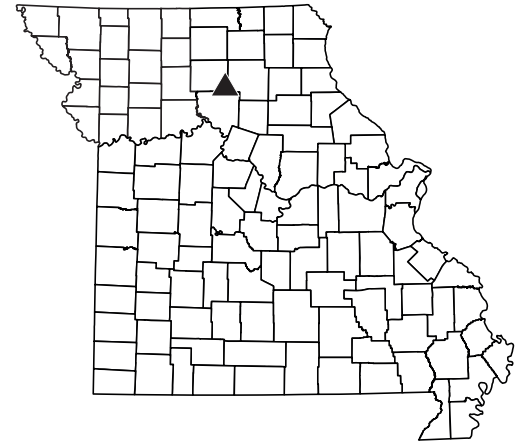
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

Mussel Fork

CONSERVATION AREA



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